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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

In a counterpart Japanese application, a Japanese Office Actions issued on July 15 and October 18, 2004. According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Actions obtained by Applicants' representative, the Japanese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Actions, document A1 discloses a technology to output printed matters from printers installed in gasoline stations and/or convenience stores by a service center accepted printing requests from cell-phones having the PHS function is described. In the document, the password authentication and accounting are mentioned, including that a password is automatically computed from the Terminal No. of a Personal Digital Assistant. Further, document A1 discloses that the service center receives GPS data from Personal Digital Assistant and decides a printer to which the data is output (citing paragraphs [0068]-[0079]).

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, the output of map data, a time table, etc., to a destination are described in prior technical document A2 through A3 (as well as JP 10-222257).

Further, according to an English translation of the Japanese Office Actions, JP 10-222527 describes that data other than the map data can be output.

As noted, the characterizations of the Japanese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicant's representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement with the opinions expressed in the Japanese Office Actions.

Japanese document 10-222527 cited in one of the Japanese Office Actions was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 24, 2003 and is not provided herewith.

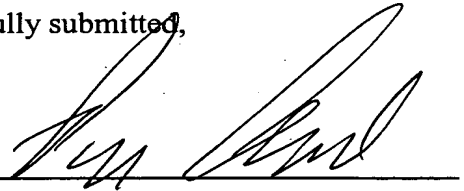
However, English language abstracts are provided herewith. Consequently, the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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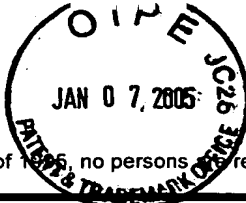
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